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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and
prior to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1,
line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a continuation-in-part application of
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/904,567, filed on July
16, 2001, ^{now abandoned} which is a continuation of U.S. application no.
09/380,638, filed September 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No.
6,268,490, which in turn was a national stage under 35 U.S.C.
371 of international application PCT/JP98/00945, filed March
9, 1998, which designated the United States, and which
international application was not published in the English
language. F--